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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act of 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum,
" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. SASSOON JACOB DAVID IN our Firm in Bombay and China Ceased on the 31st December last.

E. D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, March 14, 1885. 460

Intimations.

D. K. GRIFFITH & CO.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON
STERATED WATERS,

HAVE REMOVED from the BRACONFIELD
ARCADE to larger Premises
1, DUDDELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
TONIC " GINGERADE,
SELTZER RASPBERRYADE,
SARSAPARILLA " &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the fifth day of February, 1885, under The Indian Companies Act, 1865, whereby the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amounts not paid up on their shares.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION DOLLARS,
IN 20,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH;
PAVABLE \$5 PER SHARE ON ANTICIPATION
AND \$10 ON ALLOTMENT.

Further calls not to exceed \$20 per share nor to be made payable at less intervals than three months.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 493

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong, 10 to 12: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than \$1 a month may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Interest on the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the sums to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Register Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances and generally, correspondence will be sent to the business of the Savings' Bank, and to all its local offices and to the beginning of January and beginning of July.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHandler,

22, PHAYA CENTRAL

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,

MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN

OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,

CORK JACKETS,

&c., &c., &c.

Singapore, May 1, 1885. 266

For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

TEA TASTERS—POTS and CUPS.

Single and Double TIME GLASSES.

TEA TASTERS—SCALES.

SHOWER BATHS and PLUNGE BATHS.

New DECORATED TIN WASHSTANDS.

PARROT CAGES.

Patent LAWN MOWERS.

MORRISON'S COPYING PRESSES.

WIND-PROOF LANTERNS.

MAW'S Patent BEEF-TEA MACHINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885.

Intimations.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1885, at Eleven o'clock a.m., to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 409

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Oleander* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by land and by the S.S. *Granicus* Mailed from New York are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Oilum—will be landed at their risk into the Godown of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. to-day, the 17th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.
Hongkong, March 17, 1885. 407

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY,

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-

CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Ulises, Capt. BRENNAN, will be despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1885. 471

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Chartered Steamship

Malabar, will leave for the above

places on FRIDAY, 27th instant, at 3 p.m.

A. MCIVER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 19, 1885. 485

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT

SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-

CUITA, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK

SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Mathias, Captain G. RAOUF, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 30th March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Phaya Central, entrance from Chinese Street.

O. BACHRACH,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 404

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-

LAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALE-

DONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Steamship
Mathias, Captain G. RAOUF, will be despatched as above on

SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1885. 481

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Mathias, Captain GODDARD, will be despatched as above on

SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 19, 1885. 480

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

(SHARP PEAK.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Mathias, Captain GODDARD, will be despatched for the above

Ports on or about the 31st instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1885. 460

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6754.—MARCH 20, 1885.]

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Move into their New
Premises.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
1st APRIL NEXT,

WHEN they propose selling STORES
and other RETAIL ARTICLES at
the lowest possible prices

F.O.R. C.A.S.H.,

and giving the benefits of the Co-operative
Stock system to the Public without the
necessity of Membership. Detailed Prices
will be furnished on application.

—
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S
OIL MAN'S STORES.

JOHN MOIR & SONS, LIMITED.
OIL MAN'S STORES.

J. T. MORTON'S
OIL MAN'S STORES.

MACONACHIE BROTHERS'
Lowestoft

OIL MAN'S STORES.

AMERICAN
OILMAN'S STORES.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

1885. GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SACOCHE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACOCHE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1845).

HUNT'S POET.

1 and 3 STAR HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COUVOISIER'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEENE WHISKY.

BOODL'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOHLY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN AMERICAN CIDER.
CHARTEUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CUBACAO.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Galton.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

Agents for:

MESSRS. W. & A. GILBERT'S
WINES AND SPIRITS.

MINERS' PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

MESSRS. TURNBULL, JR., AND SOMERVILLE'S
MALTESE CIGARETTES.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 431

Insurances.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 2
per cent, net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 382

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
requested to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurance will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their Decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

To Let.

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3n,
CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st
January, 1885.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1884. 2104

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in
Commodious and well ventilated
GODOWNS on his New Premises in
DUDELL STREET, next to the OCEANIC
BANK.

STORAGE.

GOODS taken on STORAGE at the
GODOWNS, No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL,
at Moderate Rates.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
No. 4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 358

TO LET.

N. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from
1st March.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 263

TO LET.

THE LARGE and commodious HOUSE
at Kowloon known as "Belvedere".
With GARDEN and TENNIS COURTS attached.
Entry at once.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 262

TO LET.

OFFICES or APARTMENTS
in Suites, at the back of the
Victoria Exchange.

Apply to HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, March 4, 1885. 381

TO LET.

(With Possession 1st April.)

THE STORE at present occupied by
W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1885. 461

TO LET ON LEASE.

TENDERS WANTED for the following
TENEMENTS:

No. 88 to 102, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
" 15 " 22, PRAYA.

" 1 " 14, TAI-WONG LANE.

" 1 " 27, TAI-WONG STREET.

" 2 " 26, " "

" 2 " 26, SHIP STREET.

The Property will be put in thorough
Repair. Entry from 1st April.

Tend to be lodged with the Under-
signed on or before 20th March.

For further Particulars, apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,
4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 201

TO LET.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS' (late HOTEL
DE UNIVERSITÉ), Single ROOMS or
SUITES OF APARTMENTS.

No. 4, 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 25, PRAYA CENTRAL.

No. 41, GRAHAM STREET.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1884. 2165

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day authorized Mr.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1885. 488

Entertainment.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will give
A CONCERT,
IN THE

ST. ANDREW'S
HALL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG,
TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 21st instant.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.
THE ROSE MAIDEN,
(CASTATA BY FREDERIC COXON)

Chorus, "Green Vale,"

Recitative, (Tenor), "True love."

Reit and Duet (Soprano and Bassoon), "A maid more beautiful."

Solo (Soprano), "Blown on, blown on."

Chorus, "Mid the way we pass trees."

Solo and Chorus (Contralto), "Sleep thou lightly."

Solo (Tenor), "Sleep of even."

Chorus, "Tis thy wedding morn."

Solo (Bassoon), "Sleep."

Chorus (Sopranos and Alto), "Farewell, Sleep thou lightly."

INTERVAL.

PART II.

SO MI CREDI."

Ballad, "True till death."

Part Song, "Night, lovely night."

Ballad, "Speed on my bark."

Violin Solo, "Sleep."

Solo, "Chorus from 'Rose Maiden': 'Yes, o'er as die the roses.'

'GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.'

ADMISSION: TWO DOLLARS.

By Tickets only.

TO LET.

NO. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from

1st March.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 263

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the

MEMBERS of the HONGKONG

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

will be held on FRIDAY, the 27th instant,

at 4 p.m., at the CITY HALL.

By Order,

H. M. BAILY,
Acting Secretary.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The S. S. *Telmacus*, Captain Jones, which arrived here this forenoon from Shanghai, via Amoy, reports having seen the *Glenroy* and two French men-of-war at anchor S. W. of Gutalaff. At 5 p.m. on the 10th, the *Telmacus* encountered a thick fog, and had to come to anchor near the Ninepins, where she remained until 10 a.m. this morning, when the fog lifted and she proceeded on her way, after having been detained 17 hours.

It may be assumed that the proclamation issued by General Graham, summoning Osman Digna to surrender in order to avoid bloodshed, was not regarded by either side as likely to produce any beneficial result.

Osman Digna does not belong to the Manchester school of politics, and his reply, if he vacillated any, would not be that of peace-at-any-price. A large British force, aided by a workable line of railway, will do more to bring this chief to a better mind than a series of proclamations.

It may interest our readers to learn, on the authority of a correspondent of the *Pioneer*, that Major-General Cameron is rather of the advanced school and is not only rather wedded to his own opinions but is fond of expressing them, and this kind of man is not as a rule a personal protégé of the Horse Guards. There will probably be a protest against General Cameron, like General Dilston, getting a second turn of service to the detriment of the junior major-generals who will thereby incur the danger of being turned out for want of employment.

We understand that a meeting will be held on Sunday next, the 22nd instant, at 1 o'clock, in the hall of the Roman Catholic Mission House, Pottinger Street, for the purpose of discussing a proposal to organise an institution having for its objects—

(1) The cultivation and development of natural talent and the intellectual and moral faculties of the members of the institution.

(2) The increase and diffusion of knowledge having a direct, immediate, and prospective bearing on commerce.

(3) The increase and diffusion of general knowledge.

The meeting will be held under the direct patronage of Bishop Reinholdi and Father Burghignoli. It is to be trusted that an institution having such laudable objects as the above as its end will have an unqualified support from the members of the Roman Catholic community.

It is rumoured in Bangkok that the steamer *Bangkok* has been repurchased by the Siamese Government, and is destined to run homeward as a mail steamer between Bangkok and Saigon. If this rumour be confirmed, the statement made by us eight days ago that the King of Siam had distinctly refused to entertain the offer made by the Governor of Cochin-China to run a mail line between Saigon and Bangkok, on condition that the Siamese Government granted a postal subsidy, will be fully borne out, and will prove that the Government of Siam is possessed not only of spirit but independence. In connection with the Siamese postal service, it may be mentioned that a representative of the German Post Office is at present in Bangkok, making arrangements for Siam being included in the countries of the Postal Union. Possibly, the presence of this gentleman has something to do with the refusal of the offer of the Governor of Cochin-China.

fool to Mr. Martin, of the Royal Marines, and the fourth to Mr. Eastwood. Seven or eight competed.

Mr. Swales again made a most efficient Chairman, and, at the conclusion of the performance, every one went away apparently well satisfied with what was really a capital evening's entertainment.

In spite of the unpleasant weather during the evening the hall was as full as it could be, the audience comprising over three hundred and fifty, including civilians, and military and naval representatives.

COUNT Ito, General Saigo, and suite, were expected to arrive at Tientsin on the 12th instant.

We (N.C.D. News) hear that a few days ago the French deposited thirteen coffins in the island of Pootoo.

It is reported, says the N.C.D. News of the 13th instant, that some of Admiral Courbet's ships recently captured twelve Chinese junks which were laden with arms and ammunition.

The steamers which have recently arrived at Shanghai from the Yangtze ports report that the Chinese men-of-war have again left Kiang-yin. The Alphabetic gunboats have been in hiding for some time.

It is stated that a White Elephant has been obtained at P'ratsaung, and will be sent on to Bangkok as speedily as possible. There will doubtless be the usual pompous demonstrations in connection with bringing it to Bangkok, conferring upon it a title and giving it a home in the vicinity of the palace.—*Siam Advertiser*.

If China possesses many men with public spirit like that exhibited by three of the officials of the Province of Shensi she should never be in the slightest difficulty as regards funds for war purposes. A recent issue of the *Peking Gazette* contains the following—

A Memorial from the acting Governor of Shensi offering a humble tribute of thanks to His Majesty for having graciously permitted him to offer the allowance granted to the Governor of the province for the prevention of salt smuggling as a modest contribution towards the military expenditure which is now pressing so hardly on the State.

He has now the honour to report that applications have been made to him from the Financial Commissioner and the Salt Intendant to the effect that it has been a constant source of grief to them that they have no households that they can break up and realise upon in order to testify in a humble degree their gratitude to His Majesty for the favours of which they have been the recipients, and they now beg that the allowances attached to the respective offices for the maintenance of a salt preventative service may be applied to military expenditure. These allowances amount in the aggregate to something near Tls. 6,000 yearly. A similar application has been made by the Prefect of Chungsia Fu, and in submitting the above requests to His Majesty the Memorialist would respectfully observe that although the total of something less than Tls. 10,000 per annum which they represent is as a mere drop of water in a river, the aggregate of annual collections will be sufficiently appreciable to warrant the sanction of the request which has been made with all sincerity. There are three other prefectures in Human, viz.: Yeo-chou, Ca'ang and Chi'en-chou, to whom similar allowances are granted, but the offer to forego these allowances for the benefit of the State should be the spontaneous act of the authorities concerned. As soon as all the reports in answer to the Memorialist's instructions have been received a general return shall be compiled for submission to His Majesty of the contributions offered.

THE CONVERSAZIONE OF THE SKETCHING CLUB.

Encouraged by the marked success of the Conversazione held last year, the Sketching Club again gathered their friends and sympathizers around them last night. As upon

the previous occasion, the gathering took place in St. Andrew's Hall, which at an early hour was crowded with guests. Among those present were their Excellencies the Governor, Admiral Dowell and J. H. Ferguson (Netherlands Minister), Commodore and Mrs. Morant, Bishop Burdon, Hon. W. H. Marsh, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson, Colonel Graves and Mrs. Graves, Hon. W. Keats, Hon. F. D. Sasseon, Hon. A. Lister, Mr. Justice Russell, Captain Pearson, (H.B.M.'s Audacious), nearly all the heads of departments, and a large assemblage of the leading residents of the Colony. The pictures catalogued were 104 in number, and while some were of exceptional excellence, all the exhibits manifested a marked improvement upon the works collected together on the last occasion. It was plainly apparent to all present that the hosts of the evening had, during the interval, not only worked hard at their pleasing art, but had worked with accumulating success. Not the least gratifying feature displayed by a glance at the names of the exhibitors was the fact that a goodly number of them were of ladies; among them being one or two very welcome additions. It is impossible to criticise the works of the fair artists, but we may be permitted to say that amongst the ladies Mrs. J. B. Coughtrie stood most prominent for the number and rare merit of her productions. In the field of oil-painting this lady may be said to have no rival in either sex. Amongst the piano, and not only gave great satisfaction and pleasure by her solos and accompaniments on that instrument, but also gave a charming rendering of that pretty ballad 'Cherry Ripe,' and took part in the duet, 'What are the wild waves saying,' which proved one of the most pleasing items of the evening. The character songs were capitally worked up and executed by our old friends Messrs. Swales, Gritten and Scott, and proved that considerable trouble had been taken in the 'get up' as well as in rehearsal. The local allusions in the duet by Messrs. Gritten and Swales proved to be veritable hits and were received with unanimous applause, even by some of those who might be supposed to be among those hard hit. We have not space to refer to all the items in the programme which was carried out without a hitch, many of the items eliciting encore.

The singing competition again brought out a good field of competitors for the four prizes offered. The first prize was won by Mr. Palmer, of the Royal Navy, who sang a most amusing parody upon the well-known melody 'Won't you tell me, Molly Darling.' Mr. Doe, who was awarded second prize, sang an extract from 'Trial by Jury,' playing his own accompaniment and proving his ability as a musician as well as a vocalist. The third prize

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It is stated that a White Elephant has been obtained at P'ratsaung, and will be sent on to Bangkok as speedily as possible. There will doubtless be the usual pompous demonstrations in connection with bringing it to Bangkok, conferring upon it a title and giving it a home in the vicinity of the palace.—*Siam Advertiser*.

If China possesses many men with public spirit like that exhibited by three of the officials of the Province of Shensi she should never be in the slightest difficulty as regards funds for war purposes. A recent issue of the *Peking Gazette* contains the following—

A Memorial from the acting Governor of Shensi offering a humble tribute of thanks to His Majesty for having graciously permitted him to offer the allowance granted to the Governor of the province for the prevention of salt smuggling as a modest contribution towards the military expenditure which is now pressing so hardly on the State.

He has now the honour to report that applications have been made to him from the Financial Commissioner and the Salt Intendant to the effect that it has been a constant source of grief to them that they have no households that they can break up and realise upon in order to testify in a humble degree their gratitude to His Majesty for the favours of which they have been the recipients, and they now beg that the allowances attached to the respective offices for the maintenance of a salt preventative service may be applied to military expenditure. These allowances amount in the aggregate to something near Tls. 6,000 yearly. A similar application has been made by the Prefect of Chungsia Fu, and in submitting the above requests to His Majesty the Memorialist would respectfully observe that although the total of something less than Tls. 10,000 per annum which they represent is as a mere drop of water in a river, the aggregate of annual collections will be sufficiently appreciable to warrant the sanction of the request which has been made with all sincerity. There are three other prefectures in Human, viz.: Yeo-chou, Ca'ang and Chi'en-chou, to whom similar allowances are granted, but the offer to forego these allowances for the benefit of the State should be the spontaneous act of the authorities concerned. As soon as all the reports in answer to the Memorialist's instructions have been received a general return shall be compiled for submission to His Majesty of the contributions offered.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The weather promises to be as bright and balmy to-morrow as the most fascinating could desire, and we have, therefore, every belief that the scene on and around our pretty little Cricket Ground will be as bright and gay as is wont at our athletic gathering. The events this year number three that they did last year, but as the obstacles race, which usually occupied about half-an-hour, has been cut out and ordinary flat races have been introduced in its stead, it is probable that the programme will be completed in good time. The Sports will commence at 2 p.m. precisely, and it is intended, if possible, to commence the distribution of prizes at 5.40 p.m. Mrs. Sargent will award the prizes to the successful competitors of the races, &c., and Miss Sharp will present the 'Ladies' Purse' to the Captain of the winning team in the Tug-of-War.

The English and Scotch teams will probably be composed as follows:—

English:—Mr. G. E. Bowles (Captain), Lieut. G. G. H. D'Aeth, Mr. A. H. Jackson, Mr. E. R. Wood, Mr. H. Hayllar, Mr. G. C. C. Master, Mr. L. Hughes, and Mr. K. Leigh.

Scotch:—Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Captain), Mr. W. Ross, Inspector J. Lindsay, Mr. W. Aitchison, Sergt. Robertson, Major Cochran, Mr. Rae, and Mr. G. Stewart.

Among the Irish team will probably be Surgeon H. N. Thompson, Lieut. J. Case, Lieut. G. L. King-Harman, Dr. W. V. Pike, and Lieut. C. P. Lloyd.

We have not heard whether or not the German community will be represented.

A correspondent sends us the following tips:—

100 Yards.—(1) A. H. Jackson, (2) C. E. Holworthy.

Putting the Shot.—A. H. Jackson.

High Jump.—E. R. Wood.

Quarter Mile.—(1) C. E. Holworthy, (2) G. C. C. Master.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—C. S. Barff.

Vaulting Horse.—H. Hayllar.

Half Mile Handicap.—(1) C. A. Lamont, (2) H. E. Tomkins.

Tug-of-War.—Scotch team.

Veterans.—(1) J. J. Francis, (2) H. Ross.

(3) J. M. Geddes.

One Mile Flat Race.—(1) G. E. Holworthy.

(2) H. E. Tomkins, (3) H. Hayllar.

Sack Race.—E. Grinble.

Consolation Race.—A. Denison.

The following 'tips' are sent by another correspondent:—

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120 Yards Handicap.—G. Grinble.

High Jump.—E. R. Watson Pike.

Vaulting Horse.—E. R. Watson Pike.

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